polishing unit, by the Tamil Nadu Minerals, a State Government undertaking; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite granting of the licences so that the State can make use of the such raw materials available in Sivaganga needed for the said unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The application is under active consideration of the Board of Approvals for 100% Export Oriented Undertakings.

Implementation of NREP

3689 SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are not taking adequate interest in the implemenation of the National Rural Employment Programme;

(b) if so, whether Government have tried to ascertain the reasons behind such indifferent attitude; and

(c) the States which are taking interest in this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. It is not true to say that the State Governments are not taking adequate interest in the implementation of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP). Under the Programme generation of employment in mandays is monitored. There is no State which did not achieve the target last year. There are, however, cases when certain shortcomings have been observed in implementation of the Programme in different States. These shortcomings are brought to the notice of State Government concerned for taking remedial steps and to improve the implementation of the Programme.

Cut in Allocation for Implementation of Juvenile Justice Act

3690. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to make a cut in the allocation for implementation of the centrally sponsored schemes formulated under the juvenile Justice Act; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Posts Sanctioned by C.P.W.D.

3691. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permanent posts were sanctioned for regular transferred category staff of C.P.W.D. with effect from 28th October, 1983 by Memorandum No. 29/16/82-ECV dated the 19th March, 1985;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prior to this permanent posts were sanctioned by C.P.W.D. Memoranda No. 29/23/73-MSII dated the 1st March, 1974, No. 29/25/71-MSII dated the 30th December, 1971, No. 34/7/68-EV dated the 19th April, 1968, 25th March, 1968 and 4th March, 1968, and 34/45/66-EV(i) and (ii) dated 22nd March, 1966; and

(c) if so, the number of permanent posts sanctioned on these dates ac-

cording to each category of post, and the total number of permanent posts and sanctioned temporary posts as on 28th October, 1983 in each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) As per statement enclosed. (See Appendix CXIIV, Annexure No. 153]

Deaths during Spraying of Insecticides in Punjab

3692 SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab had recently received a memorandum from the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union regarding the increasing number of deaths of workers during the spraying of insecticides in drought affected areas:

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the number of deaths of workers during spraying of insecticides in the State during the last two years, district-wise; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to prevent such incidents and to compensate the loss of breadwinner to the dependents of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Drought Relief to Agricultural Workers in Punjab

3693. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Khet Mazdoor had recently sent a memorandum regarding drought relief to the agricultural workers in Punjab; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Recommendations of Harchand Singh Committee

3694. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of Harchand Singh Committee on evacuee land; and

(b) what are the details of action taken by the Punjab Government on those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) In 1972 an Enquiry Committee of legislators under the Chairmanship of Shri Harchand Singh, M.L.A. was appointed by Government of Punjab to probe into the setting up of sizeable agricultural farms on evacuee lands by officers, their relatives and other influential public men The Committee made recommendations on the following aspects:-

(1) Enactment of a suitable and comprehensive legislation to overcome irregularities in the sale of rural evacuee agriculture land.

(2) Change in the policy with regard to disposal of surplus rural evacuee agricultural lands:—